



SALEM FIRE-EMS

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT YOKOHAMA TIRE 1500 INDIANA ST.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at Yokohama Tire Corporation this afternoon at approximately 5:26 p.m. The affected area of the building was evacuated while fire crews extinguished the blaze and no one was injured during the fire.

The first unit arrived within 4 minutes of receiving the call and found light smoke coming from a side of the building. The fire was quickly contained to a rubber-mixing machine, located approximately 50 feet inside of the building. Crews extinguished the blaze and removed smoke from the building. Yokohama workers were allowed to return to the building once the smoke was cleared from the area.

Approximately 22 individuals from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1, Medic 801, Medic 802 and Medic 803) and the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1) responded to the call. Additional off-duty personnel were called in to cover additional calls.

The Salem Fire Marshal's office has determined the fire to be accidental. The cause of the fire was determined to be overheated rubber inside of the mixing machine. A total damage estimate is unknown at this time.

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